

EXPRESS MAIL NO. EV 327 133 573 US

DATE OF DEPOSIT 9/30/03

Our File No. 9281-4659

Client No. N US02096

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Naoya Hasegawa et al.)
Serial No. To be Assigned)
Filing Date: Herewith)
For Magnetic Detecting Element Having)
Antiferromagnetic Film Having Predetermined)
Space in Track Width Direction and Method for)
Manufacturing the Same)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.